but a boat to furnish me with many things which I foresaw would be very necessary to me.

It was In vain to sit still and wish for what was not to be had, so I set to work. We had several spare yards and two or three large spars of wood and a spare topmast or two in the ship. I flung as many of them overboard as I could manage for their weight,, tying every one with a rope that they might not drift away. When this was done I went down the ship's side, and pulling them to me, I tied four of them together at both ends as well as I could. In the form of a raft; and laying two or three short pieces of plank upon them crossways, I found I could walk upon It very well.

My next care was what to load it with and how to preserve what I laid upon it from the sea. I first laid all the planks upon it that I could get, and then got three of the seamen's chests, which I had broken open and emptied,

and lowered them down upon my raft.
The first of these I filled with provisions, viz,,
bread, rice, three Dutch cheeses, five pieces
of dried goat's flesh, and a little remainder of
corn, which had been laid by for some fowls